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### **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

The listing of claims below replaces all prior versions of claims in the application.

1. (Currently Amended) A biodegradable resin composition comprising:

a biodegradable resin; and

a filler coated with a biodegradable coating resin,

wherein the biodegradable resin and the biodegradable coating resin are identical types of resins; and

the biodegradable resin and the biodegradable coating resin are an aliphatic polyester resin.

2. (Previously Presented) A biodegradable resin composition according to Claim 1, wherein the biodegradable resin and the biodegradable coating resin are identical.

3. (Original) A biodegradable resin composition according to Claim 1, wherein the filler is at least one of mica, talc and montmorillonite.

4. (Original) A biodegradable resin composition according to Claim 1, wherein a content of the filler is 5% by weight to 50% by weight relative to the biodegradable resin composition.

5. (Original) A biodegradable resin composition according to Claim 1, wherein an average particle diameter of the filler is within the range of 0.01  $\mu\text{m}$  to 200  $\mu\text{m}$ .



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6. (Canceled)

7. (Currently Amended) A biodegradable resin composition according to ~~Claim 6~~ Claim 1, wherein the aliphatic polyester resin is polyhydroxycarboxylic acid.

8. (Original) A biodegradable resin composition according to Claim 7, wherein the polyhydroxycarboxylic acid is polylactic acid.

9. (Original) A biodegradable resin composition according to Claim 1, wherein the biodegradable resin comprises two or more types of biodegradable resins.

10. (Original) A biodegradable resin composition according to Claim 1, further comprising at least one type of flame retardant selected from silicone compound, metal salt, metal salt hydroxide and phosphorous compound.

11. (Previously Presented) A biodegradable resin composition according to Claim 1, further comprising at least one type of fibrous component selected from hemp, chitin-chitosan, palm fiber and one of short fiber and powder derived therefrom.

12. (Original) A biodegradable resin composition according to Claim 1, further comprising at least one type of fibrous component selected from glass fiber and carbon fiber.

13. (Previously Presented) A biodegradable resin composition according to Claim 1, wherein the biodegradable resin comprises polylactic acid and one of polycaprolacton, polyhydroxybutyrate and polybutylene succinate.

14. (Currently Amended) A filler for a biodegradable resin composition, comprising:  
filler; and  
a biodegradable coating resin,  
wherein the filler is coated with the biodegradable coating resin, ~~and;~~  
~~wherein~~ the biodegradable resin and the biodegradable coating resin are identical type of resins; and  
the biodegradable resin and the biodegradable coating resin are an aliphatic polyester resin.

15. (Original) A filler for a biodegradable resin composition according to Claim 14, wherein the filler is at least one of mica, talc and montmorillonite.

16. (Original) A filler for a biodegradable resin composition according to Claim 14, wherein an average particle diameter of the filler is within the range of 0.01 $\mu$ m to 200 $\mu$ m.

17. (Canceled)

18. (Currently Amended) A filler for a biodegradable resin composition according to ~~Claim 17~~ Claim 14, wherein the aliphatic polyester resin is polyhydroxycarboxylic acid.

19. (Currently Amended) A molded article comprising, a biodegradable resin composition containing a biodegradable resin, and a filler coated with a biodegradable coating resin,

wherein the biodegradable resin and the biodegradable coating resin are identical type of resins; and

the biodegradable resin and the biodegradable coating resin are an aliphatic polyester resin.

20. (Previously Presented) A molded article according to Claim 19, wherein the molded article is used for a housing of an electrical appliance.